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SUBJ: PRESS ACCUSATIONS ON AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI'S ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY: ITEM IN AUG. 26 COMMUNIST-DOMINATED DIARIO DE LISBOA
STATES THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI HAS OFFERED A "DEAL" TO THE
GOP--U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR AIRLIFT TO LISBON FOR ANGOLAN REFUGEES
IN EXCHANGE FOR AN IMMEDIATE CHANGE IN THE GOP GOVERNMENT. END
SUMMARY.

1. ANGOLA AIRLIFT: DIARIO DE LISBOA DE LISBOA ARTICLE HEADLINED,
"CARLUCCI'S ACTIVITIES," CITES "NONOFFICIAL BUT WELL-INFORMED
SOURCES" FOR WHAT IT SAYS WAS THE SUBSTANCE OF AMBASSADOR'S AUG.
22 CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES: "...CARLUCCI
MAY HAVE PROPOSED A "DEAL" OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO HIS
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COUNTRY: EITHER PORTUGAL WILL IMMEDIATELY CHANGE ITS

GOVERNMENT OR ELSE THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT SUPPLY THE NEEDED AIRPLANES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIRLIFT FROM ANGOLA TO LISBON FOR EVACUATION OF 300,000 PERSONS WHO ARE AWAITING TRANSPORTATION TO RETURN. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WANT TO RETURN AND THE TIME REQUIREMENTS WHICH DEMAND A HURRIED RESPONSE, ONLY THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF LARGE AIRPLANES TO MAKE THEM IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

2. POTENTIAL U.S. LOANS: ARTICLE SAYS ANOTHER MATTER TAKEN UP AT THE CARLUCCI-COSTA GOMES MEETING RELATED TO POTENTIAL U.S. LOANS AND ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL. ARTICLE ALSO LINKS AMBASSADOR'S TALK WITH PRESIDENT WITH CONFUSION WITH GOP'S RETRACTION OF COMMUNIQUE WHICH HAD BEEN READ OVER RADIO AUG. 24.

3. REHASHED ACCUSATIONS: ARTICLE ALSO REVIEWS EARLIER PUBLISHED ACCUSATIONS THAT AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY CONNECTED WITH CIA INTERVENTION IN PORTUGAL. CARLUCCI UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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